

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

<b>Dennis Dean Hale,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>V.</b>	)	<b>Case No. 10-3509-CV-S-JTM</b>
	)	
<b>Michael D. Astrue,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	

**ORDER**

On Thursday, January 5, 2012, the Court heard oral argument on the *Plaintiff's Brief*, filed May 26 2011 [Doc. 13] and the *Brief For Defendant*, filed July 7, 2011 [Doc. 19]. After due consideration of the issues presented, and for the reasons set forth by the Court at the conclusion of the January 5, 2012 argument, it is

**ORDERED** that the decision of the Commissioner is **AFFIRMED**.

/s/ John T. Maughmer  
**JOHN T. MAUGHMER**  
**U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**